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John Andrew, Coordinator

Yako Tinker, Interpreter

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CHAIRMAN WILDE: The meeting has been called to order

1 by Chairman Lester -- I mean Harry Wilde, Sr. Invocation by  
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1 Elder John Ekamerak.  
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MR. EKAMERAK: (Gives invocation - in Yup'ik) I notice

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CHAIRMAN WILDE: Quyana.



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MR. GEORGE: Mr. Chairman, Myapak (ph) John Ekamerak

1 just told us that there's going to be a church service tonight  
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1 at 7:00. Anybody who wants to come is welcome to attend.  
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MR. EKAMERAK: Yeah, Quyana.



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CHAIRMAN WILDE: At this time that our secretary is not

1 available, I'm going to ask Fritz to be secretary at this time,  
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UNIDENTIFIED VOICE: Roll call.



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CHAIRMAN WILDE: Roll call.



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MR. GEORGE: Harry Wilde?



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CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah.



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MR. GEORGE: David O. David?



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CHAIRMAN WILDE: David O. David is excused. Absent.



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MR. GEORGE: Paul Manumik, Sr.?



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CHAIRMAN WILDE: Paul is -- I don't know if he's coming

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MR. GEORGE: Ilarion Nicolai?



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MR. NICOLAI: Here.



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MR. GEORGE: (In Yup'ik) Steven White?



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MR. WHITE: Here.



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MR. GEORGE: Gene R. Peltola?



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CHAIRMAN WILDE: Gene Peltola, I don't know if he's

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MR. GEORGE: Zechariah C. Chaliak, Sr.?



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MR. CHALIAK: Here.



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MR. GEORGE: Antone K. Anvil?



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MR. ANVIL: Here.



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MR. GEORGE: Paul John?



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MR. JOHN: Here.



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MR. GEORGE: Lester Wilde?



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MR. L. WILDE: Here.



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MR. GEORGE: Mr. Chairman, quorum (In Yup'ik)



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CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah. Quyana. Since Phillip Peter is

1 not available, Jackson Lomack will report in his place.  
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MR. GEORGE: Fritz just stated that Lomack is at the

1 office.  
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CHAIRMAN WILDE: He said while we're waiting for

1 Jackson Lomack, we'll -- the board will move in adoption of  
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1 agenda. Chairman Wilde wants to thank the City of Akiachak,  
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1 the Village of Akiachak for accepting the council members. IRA  
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1 council and the city council both. And let's follow the  
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1 agenda. He wants to introduce the council sitting on the  
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1 board. The council members were appointed by the Secretary  
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1 Babbitt. They were appointed by Secretary Babbitt. Some are  
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1 new members and some have been reappointed to their seats.  
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MR. GEORGE: He wants to thank everybody that came to

1 this meeting. He wants to.....  
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INTERPRETER TINKER: He's going to translate the whole

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MR. GEORGE: (In Yup'ik)



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INTERPRETER TINKER: Yeah, everybody's invited for a

1 steambath tonight, but he wants to take John and Trapper  
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MR. GEORGE: For those of you that didn't understand

1 me, I want to welcome you as a councilman representing unit 4  
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1 (ph) villages, and also being from Akiachak, this town here,  
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1 thank you very much for coming here to attend and participate  
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1 for the meeting. And also, those of you that are going to be  
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1 spending the night at Unit #4, the Yupiit School District  
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1 residential house over at that -- that way, one of the red  
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1 buildings, they say #4 is written on the door, so you're not  
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1 going to be missing it. You're going to be walking over there.  
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1 Right now it's vacant and nobody -- I hope you brought some  
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1 sleeping bags with you, 'cause they say there's a couple of  
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1 beds and a couch, and the rest of the younger men can probably  
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1 sleep on the floor. It's carpeted.  
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1 Harbor, she's the finance department head for the Yupiit School  
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1 District, she told me female guests, the non-native guests that  
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1 are coming in that are representing United States Fish &  
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1 and our recorder, there's going to be some room for you  
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1 provided in one of the teacher's residence.  
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1 guests, non-native guests that are going to be spending the  
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1 night in Unit 4, they say it's going to cost \$22, breakfast is  
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1       like \$3 at the school lunch program -- or breakfast program,  
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1 residence, it's going to cost \$50 they say, because they're  
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1 going to be provided with a comfortable bed with sheets and the  
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1 use of the bathroom and possibly a shower, and hopefully  
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1 they're going to feed you in the morning, too.  
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And also I mentioned earlier that myuppa (ph), that our

1 elder here, John Ekamerak, who opened the meeting in prayer, he  
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1 said he's going to be having a steambath tonight, and those of  
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1 you that are wanting to be participating, that you are very  
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1 welcome to try him out. (In Yup'ik) He's one tough guy. He  
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But anyways, again thank you very much for coming here

1 to Akiachak, and I hope you'll enjoy your stay here.  
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CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah, guyana, Fritz. (In Yup'ik) He's

1 going to have the Council members introduce themselves. And  
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1 everybody will be asked to introduce themselves after the board  
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1 introduces themselves.  
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MR. NICOLAI: Yeah, my name is Larry Nicolai, I'm a new

1 member from Kwethluk.  
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CHAIRMAN WILDE: Antone?



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MR. ANVIL: I'm Antone Anvil, (In Yup'ik), from Bethel.



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CHAIRMAN WILDE: (In Yup'ik) Harry Wilde, Mountain

1 Village, (In Yup'ik).  
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MR. WHITE: (In Yup'ik) Steven White, from Eek.



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MR. JOHN: (In Yup'ik) Paul John, Toksook Bay. Paul

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MR. CHALIAK: Chuck Chaliak from Nunapitchuk.



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MR. L. WILDE: Lester Wilde, Napakiak.



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CHAIRMAN WILDE: I think we're going to go around each

1 table, and we ask you your name, and what you do?  
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MS. DOWNING: Meredith Downing, R & R Court Reporters.



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MR. TINKER: Yako Tinker, (In Yup'ik).



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MS. ALEXIE: Ida Alexie, I'm with the Alaska Department

1 of Fish & Game, Board Support staff.  
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MR. SIMEON: Calvin Simeon, Association of Village

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MR. JACK: Carl Jack, Ruralcap.



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MR. MARTIN: (In Yup'ik) David Martin (ph).



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MR. \_\_\_\_\_: Andrew (ph) (indiscernible).



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MR. ROCZICKA: I'm Greg Roczicka with AVCP, Natural

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MR. NICORAI: Frank Nicorai, Kwethluk.



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MR. KACYON: Randy Kacyon, Alaska Department of Fish &

1 Game, Bethel.  
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MR. ADERMAN: Andy Aderman with U.S. Fish & Wildlife in

1 Dillingham.  
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MR. DYASUK: Jon Dyasuk, Fish & Wildlife Service,

1 Togiak Refuge.  
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MR. WILLIAMS: Roy Williams, Akiak Native Community,

1 Natural Resources.  
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MR. PETER: Sammy Peter, Tribal Administrator, for the

1 Tuluksak Native Community.  
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CHAIRMAN WILDE: Go ahead, go around now.



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UNIDENTIFIED VOICE: (In Yup'ik)



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MR. CHIEF: Joe Chief, Sr., from Bethel. (In Yup'ik)

1 Eskimo name is (In Yup'ik). He's an elder from Bethel. And he  
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1 supports (indiscernible) Yup'ik Nation, (indiscernible). He  
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1 rights. Working together and so overcome anything. Our  
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1 forefathers, he wants to follow the elders and our forefathers  
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1 teachings instead of (indiscernible) regs. And he's referring  
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1 to the ten commandments in the Bible. Our forefathers  
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1 teachings were similar to the teachings -- and he wants to tell  
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1 everybody to respect each other, and especially the elders.  
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1       And he takes this opportunity to speak.   And he never  
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1 (indiscernible) afterwards they're going to treat everybody the  
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1 same, not against each other. We can be as one, and can think  
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MR. N. ANDREW: Noah Andrew, Tuluksak.



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MR. FOX: Frank Fox, Native Village of Kwinhagak,

1 Natural Resource Director.  
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MR. COFFING: Mike Coffing, Fish & Game, Subsistence,

1 Bethel.  
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MR. LEDBERG: Paul Ledberg with the U.S. Fish &

1 Wildlife Service in Bethel.  
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MR. CONSTANTINO: I'm George Constantino with the U.S.

1 Fish & Wildlife Service in Anchorage.  
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MR. STROM: Dennis Strom from U.S. Fish & Wildlife

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MR. REARDEN: Mike Rearden, U.S. Fish & Wildlife

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MR. KRON: Tom Kron, Fish & Game, Anchorage.



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MR. GUY: Phil Guy, Kwethluk.



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MR. LUKE: James Luke from Mountain Village, with

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MS. McCLANAHAN: Pat McClanahan, U.S. Fish & Wildlife

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MR. FISHER: Dave Fisher, Fish & Wildlife Service,

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MR. KNAUER: Bill Knauer -- excuse me. Bill Knauer,

1 Fish & Wildlife Service, Anchorage.  
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CHAIRMAN WILDE: (In Yup'ik)



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MR. OWENS: John Owens from Kwethluk.



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MR. LOMACK: Joe Lomack from Akiachak, Traditional

1 Chief, (indiscernible) area.  
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MS. AYAPEN: Margaret Ayapen, (indiscernible), from

1 Kwethluk.  
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MR. IVAN: Wassillie Ivan (ph), Kwethluk.



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MR. CLEVELAND: Kenneth Cleveland, Quinhagak.



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MR. PETERS: James Peters, Bethel.



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MR. J. ANDREW: John Andrew, with Fish & Wildlife,

1 Regional Coordinator.  
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CHAIRMAN WILDE: Quyana. (In Yup'ik) Right now he's

1 saying the coordinator will -- John Andrew will coordinate this  
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1 meeting. And he's been helping the Council and the coordinator  
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1 -- and he wants to thank Yako Tinker for translating.  
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1 he wants to be sorry because of misprinted the names. Jackson  
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1 Lomack will be speaking in a few -- a little bit as.....  
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Reviewing adoption of agenda. Review and adoption of

1 minutes. A, February 26-27, 1996 meeting minutes will be read.  
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1 B, special meeting May 8th, 1996 minutes will be read, too.  
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Six, election of officers. A, chairman, Andrew then

1 will be acting chairman, and, B, vice chairman, new chair --  
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1 new chairman that will appointed will be presiding from there  
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1 on. On, C, secretary for officers, and, D, sergeant-at-arms.  
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1 moved from the (indiscernible) to number ten.  
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UNIDENTIFIED VOICE: Number 10 (In Yup'ik)



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CHAIRMAN WILDE: Number ten (In Yup'ik) Oh, both

1 public comments on Federal Subsistence Program, both have been  
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On the old business, A, reports, number 1, Yukon Delta

1 National Wildlife Refuge, Manager Mike Rearden and George  
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1 Constantino will be fine. Number 2, Togiak National Wildlife  
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1     Refuge, Andy Anderman?  
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MR. ADERMAN: Aderman.



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CHAIRMAN WILDE: Aderman, and Jon, (In Yup'ik) last

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MR. DYASUK: Dyasuk.



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CHAIRMAN WILDE: Dyasuk. Number 3, Carl Jack from

1 Ruralcap. Carl Jack will report before BLM. BLM is here?  
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1 Representative? BLM representative is not here, so we're going  
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1 to scratch that off. Take it off.  
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INTERPRETER TINKER: Scratch BLM and put Carl Jack on.



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CHAIRMAN WILDE: Number 4, representative from AVCP.

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INTERPRETER TINKER: Representative Greg Roczicka from

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CHAIRMAN WILDE: (In Yup'ik) Representative from

1 Kuigpagmiut, Incorporated, from Mountain Village, James Luke.  
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1 James, you here? Okay. James Luke.  
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INTERPRETER TINKER: James Luke will be reporting on

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CHAIRMAN WILDE: And underneath of that, number 5,

1 Alaska Department of Fish & Game, who? A name is not here, so  
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1 whoever Alaska Department -- maybe my friend over there in the  
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MR. KACYON: I've brought some biological information

1 and some regulation handouts. Maybe at that time I could do  
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CHAIRMAN WILDE: Okay.



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MR. KACYON: There are other people here from the

1 Department, Mike Coffing from Subsistence Division, and Tom  
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1 Kron from Commercial Fisheries. Oh, and Ida, who, of course,  
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1 is here with Boards. Our note-taker.  
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CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah. Talking about Department of

1 Fish & Game, my friend over there in the corner, sitting, him  
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1 and I (In Yup'ik). He's stating that usually he's the white  
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1 man in the village (ph) to meet. He's a good man, and we make  
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1 a -- we travel all over up there looking for fish. And we  
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1 found them. Glad to have you.  
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And others. I don't know, what that other is, John?



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MR. J. ANDREW: (In Yup'ik) Others was put on so that

1 anybody that wants to report or give a presentation.  
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CHAIRMAN WILDE: (In Yup'ik) Yeah, Greg?



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MR. ROCZICKA: Mr. Chairman, Sky Starkey is also in

1 route right now. He made his travel plans though back when you  
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1 still had the meeting scheduled for the 3rd and 4th, but he  
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1 does plan to be here tomorrow morning, and he would like to  
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1 address the Council on the latest developments under the Katie  
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1 John case and also the situation, what happened this summer on  
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1 the Kuskokwim regarding some people who were subsistence  
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1 fishing who were charged with (Indiscernible, simultaneous  
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CHAIRMAN WILDE: We will -- who is that?



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MR. ROCZICKA: Sky Starkey. And if there could be some

1 place perhaps when he attended tomorrow.  
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CHAIRMAN WILDE: John, you notice that. We'll put him

1 -- we'll put him on others.  
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MR. ROCZICKA: He won't be here until tomorrow morning.



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CHAIRMAN WILDE: Okay. (In Yup'ik) On B, Regional

1 Council matters, Federal Subsistence Board meeting, April 30,  
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1 1996, May 3, 1996, Chairman (In Yup'ik). Two, Federal  
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1 Subsistence Board meeting July 16, 1996, staff will do a  
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C, deferred proposals, staff will -- those deferred

1 proposals are, 1, Proposal 45 and 46, and report from Aniak  
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1 Meeting July 25, 1995. Oh, 1996, corrected. On, 2, Proposal  
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1 36, awaiting Bristol Bay Regional Council action. (In Yup'ik)  
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MR. J. ANDREW: Proposal 36 (In Yup'ik).



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CHAIRMAN WILDE: 36 is scratched, 'cause Bristol Bay

1 Regional Council will meet on October 23 and 24 concerning this  
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1 proposal. Number 3, Proposal 41, Western Interior Regional  
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1 Council action, staff will give a report on that.  
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On new business, on number 9, update on remaining

1 customary and traditional use proposals by staff.  
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B, open floor, proposals to change Federal subsistence

1 regulations. 1, public comments/proposals. 2, Agency  
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1 comments/proposals. 3, Regional Council discussion and  
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1 proposals.  
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C, implementation of Federal subsistence fisheries

1 management. 2, background -- one, 2, identify issues and  
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1 receive Regional Council and public comments.  
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D, rural language in charters, discussion and

1 recommendations from the Regional Councils.  
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E, alternates.



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F, annual reports. 1, review of response for 1994,

1 1995. 2, Regional council discussion and actions for 1996  
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10, (In Yup'ik) public comment, open forum for public

1 comment on Federal subsistence program. (In Yup'ik).  
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1 Council/staff/agency comments. Benediction (In Yup'ik)  
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1 Akiachak elder Joshua Phillip (In Yup'ik).  
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1 there's anybody that needs to depart. If there's no  
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MR. J. ANDREW: Mr. Chairman?



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CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah.



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MR. J. ANDREW: (In Yup'ik) Before adjournment of

1 meeting, you will have to select for date of next meeting and  
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CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah. (In Yup'ik) Jackson Lomack.



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MR. LOMACK: Yeah, Mr. Chairman, my name is Jackson

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COURT REPORTER: Excuse me, sir.



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MR. LOMACK: .....I'm the past chairman for Akiachak

1 IRA Council.  
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COURT REPORTER: So I can pick you up on the tape

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MR. LOMACK: Uh-huh.



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INTERPRETER TINKER: (In Yup'ik)



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MR. LOMACK: Yeah. Sorry. Ladies and gentleman,

1 Chairman of the board, and the Yukon-Kuskokwim Subsistence  
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1 Regional Advisory Council, on behalf of Akiachak Native  
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1 Community, I'd like to welcome all the participants on this  
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1 very important meeting in regarding to our subsistence  
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1 livelihood within the Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta.  
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And to give you a little brief history of Akiachak

1 Native Community, you guys are all aware that probably in the  
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1 past the Akiachak Native Community used to have a second class  
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1 city in the early 1970s, and due to the fact that Akiachak  
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1 Native Community wanted to have one solid foundation form of  
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1 government with the Akiachak Native Community, we dissolved our  
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1 city government in order that we have one single voice in unity  
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1 among our people. So at this point in time, Akiachak IRA  
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1 council has 40 employees and the most significant employer  
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1 within Akiachak Native Community besides Yupiit School  
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1 District, and also there is a -- Akiachak Native Community is  
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1 also a hub of the Yupiit School District which consists of  
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1 three organizations, or three villages which consist of  
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1 Akiachak, Tuluksak, and Akiak. And also there is also the hub  
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1 of -- the center of the Yup'ik Nation, which is the foremost  
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1       forefront runner in the world of sovereignty issues, and we do  
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1 have at least 16 member village of -- members of the Yup'ik  
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But, again, to give you a little brief history, since

1 the Akiachak Native Community for most practicing the right of  
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1 self-government, we are now a contractor, besides we used to be  
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1 -- we used to have an AVCP contract on behalf of Akiachak  
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1 Native Community, but back then about three years ago, Akiachak  
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1 Native Community took over all the programs and services, and  
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1 in fact just two days ago we took over the health issues, which  
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1 is the clinic here in the community, Akiachak Native Community/  
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1 Akiachak IRA Council is now a prime contractor, and they're  
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1 going to contract health issues until when they're probably  
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1 going to enter into a compact agreement with the Federal  
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1 Government in the future. But this is the area that I'd like  
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1 for the newcomers, who first time ever been to Akiachak to give  
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1 a little brief history of Akiachak Native Community.  
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At this time, again I'd like to welcome all the

1 participants, and if there's any help or even necessity, we'll  
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1 be available, and there is also a flush toilet in the Akiachak  
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1 Native Community building for those who can be able to utilize  
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1 it, and then there is also three local organizations store  
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1 which are -- one is run by Akiachak IRA Council under the  
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1 Section 16 of Indian Reorganization Act, the building is about  
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1 one block away behind this red building, and there's also a  
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1 main store which is operated by village corporation. The other  
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1 private store is about a few blocks away from here towards the  
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So again, welcome to Akiachak Native Community.



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CHAIRMAN WILDE: Quyana, Jackson. Yeah. Quyana. (In

1       Yup'ik)  If there's additional -- what did you say about a  
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1 while ago a while ago, to have a meeting.....  
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MR. J. ANDREW: (In Yup'ik)



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CHAIRMAN WILDE: If there's no additional on the

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MR. WHITE: Steven White made a motion to adopt the

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CHAIRMAN WILDE: (In Yup'ik)



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MR. ANVIL: And Antone Anvil seconded it.



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CHAIRMAN WILDE: Any questions of the board.



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IN UNISON: Aye.



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CHAIRMAN WILDE: (In Yup'ik)



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INTERPRETER TINKER: In favor say aye, no opposition.



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CHAIRMAN WILDE: Agenda is -- (In Yup'ik) Next will be

1 review and adopt the minutes. Will be John Andrew will give a  
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1 report on February 26, 27, 1996.  
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MR. J. ANDREW: (In Yup'ik)



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INTERPRETER TINKER: He said it will just kind of.....



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MR. J. ANDREW: The minutes are recorded in your book.

1 Just look under 5A. (Reads minutes of February 27-28, 1996,  
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INTERPRETER TINKER: On the review and adoption of

1 minutes, you can look through the minutes. I'm going to take a  
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1 break since they're written down, and he's reporting in Yup'ik.  
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1        So if you want to keep up with him, you can get a copy.  
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MR. J. ANDREW: (Continues reading minutes in Yup'ik)



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MR. FOX: Mr. Chairman? (In Yup'ik) Frank Fox is

1 asking on the Proposal 36.  
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CHAIRMAN WILDE: He's stating that Proposal 36 will be

1 discussed on Regional Council matters. And the minutes that  
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1 were highlighted on the February 26 meeting.  
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MR. ANVIL: Antone Anvil made a motion to adopt the

1 minutes as read.  
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CHAIRMAN WILDE: (In Yup'ik)



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MR. WHITE: Seconded by Steven White.



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CHAIRMAN WILDE: (In Yup'ik) Discussion?



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MR. ROCZICKA: Yeah, Mr. Chairman, on the second page

1 of your minutes there it's stated as being Natural Resource  
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1 Director for the AVCP. I haven't been the director of that  
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1 department since 1992.  
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CHAIRMAN WILDE: Okay. (In Yup'ik)



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INTERPRETER TINKER: Yeah, Greg Roczicka stated that he

1 hasn't been -- second page. (In Yup'ik between Mr. J. Andrew  
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1 and Interpreter Tinker)  
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MR. DYSON: (In Yup'ik)



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CHAIRMAN WILDE: Uh-huh. (In Yup'ik) Discussion?

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MR. KACYON: Mr. Chairman, under item number six,

1 there's -- most of those numbers are inaccurate. I'm not sure  
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1 -- I never said any of this stuff on the first paragraph.  
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1 (Indiscernible, laughter) I guess I would correct those  
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1 numbers to -- some of the wording is incorrect, but it doesn't  
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1 -- that's not really that serious, but the numbers are wrong.  
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1 The numbers should be 1300 moose and is an estimate, not a real  
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1 number. And the bottom number where it says 3,000, is should  
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1 be 1100. Some of the other things are incorrect, but they're  
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1 not that serious. I understand that he was just trying to  
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1 correct those numbers.  
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MR. J. ANDREW: (In Yup'ik) There was a motion to

1 accept the motion.  
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CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah. (In Yup'ik)



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MR. J. ANDREW: With the corrections and additions.



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CHAIRMAN WILDE: Approve (In Yup'ik).



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MR. J. ANDREW: Ee-ee.



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CHAIRMAN WILDE: (In Yup'ik)



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MR. J. ANDREW: Ee-ee.



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CHAIRMAN WILDE: (In Yup'ik) He's asking if there's

1 any questions concerning the minutes.  
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MR. GEORGE: (In Yup'ik)



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CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah. Quyana, Fritz.



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INTERPRETER TINKER: He just made a question.



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MR. J. ANDREW: Where?



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CHAIRMAN WILDE: (In Yup'ik) Any more discussion? (In

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INTERPRETER TINKER: There is a motion to adopt,

1 (indiscernible) right?  
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CHAIRMAN WILDE: (In Yup'ik) Yeah. Discussion. (In

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IN UNISON: Aye.



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CHAIRMAN WILDE: (In Yup'ik)



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INTERPRETER TINKER: They were accepting the minutes as

1 corrected. Don't need more.  
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CHAIRMAN WILDE: I think Randy not only you, but the

1 rest of the people that they are going to be report or talk, we  
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1 would like to have a paperwork in front of us. That way our  
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1 minutes would be more accurate. Next time if you want to talk  
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1 about something, it would be good to have some kind of paper in  
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1 front of us. Thank you.  
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(In Yup'ik) election of officers. (In Yup'ik) Special

1 meeting May 8, 1996.  
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MR. J. ANDREW: Mr. Chairman, (In Yup'ik). (Reads

1 minutes of May 8, 1996 in Yup'ik)  
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INTERPRETER TINKER: Now it's the minutes for May 8,

1 it's in your booklet. He is going to read the minutes that's  
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1 available in your booklet.  
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MR. J. ANDREW: (Reading minutes in Yup'ik)



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CHAIRMAN WILDE: (In Yup'ik) He's stating that if

1 there's no discussion on the special meeting, May 8, 1996,.....  
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MR. CHALIAK: Chuck Chaliak made a motion to accept the

1 meeting minutes as read.  
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CHAIRMAN WILDE: (In Yup'ik)



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MR. JOHN: Seconded by Paul John.



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CHAIRMAN WILDE: (In Yup'ik) Discussion. Go ahead,

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MR. ROCZICKA: Yeah, Mr. Chairman, on the third page

1 there where it says AVCP, Incorporated, usually has meetings on  
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1 the second week of each month, if I recall the context of that  
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1 correctly, that would be mentioning about AVCP Housing  
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1 Authority. If you want to make that accurate for AVCP, you  
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1 better add the first (indiscernible).  
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CHAIRMAN WILDE: So that's AVCP Housing. That's right?



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MR. ROCZICKA: I think -- one other thing that I see

1 missing, looking through the minutes all the way, as recall the  
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1 Council did make a request of the staff at that time with a  
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1 letter to provide further information on what represented  
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1 public lands and private lands under Katie John decision, and  
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1 requested further information to be brought forth to the  
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1 Council, and I think maybe that ought to be referenced in here  
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CHAIRMAN WILDE: So they need to be correct, make a

1 correction, or.....  
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MR. ROCZICKA: Of that request that the Council made

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CHAIRMAN WILDE: (In Yup'ik) We're still on the

1 discussion. If there's -- if someone have a problem with our  
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MR. LOMACK: Yeah, Mr. Chairman, Jackson Lomack has got

1 a question, and he said according to the reports, there's 5,000  
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1 people in Bethel with specific customary and traditional users.  
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1 He's stating that there's lots of -- there's different  
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1 agencies in Bethel and those people come to.....  
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CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah, Jackson. Fritz, will you

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MR. GEORGE: Yeah. Quyana, Mr. Chairman. He's stating

1 that 40 or 50 come -- he's stating Unit 21(E), what happened in  
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1 that back in 18. He's stating that people that moved to 21(E)  
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1 and are qualified to hunt in that. He's stating that.....  
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MR. LOMACK: Quyana.



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MR. J. ANDREW: Mr. Chairman, John stated that as was

1 the statement from -- statement from -- only from Bethel  
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1 residents that 40 to 60 people that hunted in 21.  
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MR. LOMACK: Jackson -- he said that there is a State

1 law that they can -- after moving to resident (ph) village, he  
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1 can qualify after 30 days, like say if he moved from Bethel to  
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1 Pilot Station upriver to another village. He's questioning  
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1 that he might be eligible to hunt in that region like after 30  
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1 days according to State law.  
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CHAIRMAN WILDE: Any more discussion? (In Yup'ik) Any

1 further discussion on October (sic) special meeting. He's  
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1 asking for adoption of the May meeting. All in favor say aye.  
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IN UNISON: Aye.



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CHAIRMAN WILDE: Against, nay.



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CHAIRMAN WILDE: Quyana, John. According to agenda,

1 number six, there will be election of officers. Chairman.  
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1 He's stating that others from the -- (indiscernible) he  
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1 requesting a break after election of officers.  
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MR. J. ANDREW: Yeah. Guyana, Mr. Chairman. And

1 according to nominations for election of officers, office of  
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1 the chair, serves one-year term, may serve more than one year,  
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1 conducts the regional council meetings; addends and represents  
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1 the Regional Council at meetings of the Board; is a voting  
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1 member of the Council; signs reports, correspondence, meeting  
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1 minutes and other documents for external distribution.  
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1 Nomination for election of officers is open.  
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MR. ANVIL: Mr. Chairman, I nominate Harry Wilde.



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MR. J. ANDREW: Harry Wilde (In Yup'ik) Antone Anvil.



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MR. JOHN: Second.



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MR. J. ANDREW: Paul John. Seconded by Paul John.



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MR. ANVIL: (In Yup'ik)



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MR. J. ANDREW: Antone, (In Yup'ik)?



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MR. ANVIL: Yeah.



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MR. J. ANDREW: (In Yup'ik) He's asking for unanimous

1 election of Harry Wilde. Harry Wilde is the Chairman.  
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CHAIRMAN WILDE: Quyana.



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MR. J. ANDREW: You're welcome.



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CHAIRMAN WILDE: He said he's (indiscernible) the

1 chair, from the Chair as best as he could be, although he  
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1 thinks he's not. He's (indiscernible) he can be anything that  
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1 he can be not for himself but for the family, for the future in  
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1 these meetings, in attending these meetings and (indiscernible)  
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1 the subsistence. (Indiscernible) the fall meeting, and he  
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1 wants to say that everybody that's at the meetings, and he  
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1 thanks the elders that are sitting on the board for letting him  
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1 carry on custom, make decisions toward and adoption of  
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1 regulations. (Indiscernible) And the board are appointed by  
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1 the Department of Interior, and this board works on  
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1 (indiscernible) with U.S. Fish & Wildlife, and actually  
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1 sometimes on State lands. And his people ask for recognition  
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1 for his (indiscernible).  
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MR. JOHN: I nominate Steven White.



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MR. CHALIAK: Second.



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CHAIRMAN WILDE: Paul John nominate Steven White vice

1 chairman. Chuck Chaliak?  
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MR. CHALIAK: Yes.



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CHAIRMAN WILDE: Chuck Chaliak second. He's asking for

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MR. WHITE: I nominate Fritz John -- George.



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CHAIRMAN WILDE: Steven White nominates Fritz George.



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MR. ANVIL: Second.



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CHAIRMAN WILDE: Seconded by Antone Anvil.



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MR. CHALIAK: I close the nominations.



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CHAIRMAN WILDE: (In Yup'ik) If there's any other

1 discussion? If there's not, closing nomination, all who favor  
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IN UNISON: Aye.



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CHAIRMAN WILDE: (In Yup'ik)



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MR. J. ANDREW: (In Yup'ik)



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INTERPRETER TINKER: One and two. Steven White and

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MR. J. ANDREW: (In Yup'ik) (Steven White 5, Fritz

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CHAIRMAN WILDE: I'll shake your hand. Next.....



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MR. CHALIAK: Mr. Chairman, I nominate Fritz George.



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UNIDENTIFIED VOICE: Second.



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MR. WHITE: Mr. Chairman, (In Yup'ik) (To close

1 nominations, elect Fritz George by unanimous consent)  
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CHAIRMAN WILDE: Fritz George is secretary.



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And last sergeant-at-arms. Open for nominations.



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MR. WHITE: (In Yup'ik) Chuck Chaliak sergeant-at-arms.



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MR. JOHN: Second.



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CHAIRMAN WILDE: (In Yup'ik) Any more nominations?



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MR. ANVIL: Antone (In Yup'ik).



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CHAIRMAN WILDE: (In Yup'ik)



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I think we're going to take a break. Five minutes.



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CHAIRMAN WILDE: He's stating that everybody's asking

1 about Lester Wilde. He's like his brother and his son, because  
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1 they lost their parents, it was by judicial (ph) that's his  
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1 brother and his son. On eight, old business. Right now we're  
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1 on old business, on report, one, Yukon Delta Wildlife refuge.  
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1       Refuge managers. You could go over there and report. (In  
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1       Yup'ik) Wait a few minutes, make sure these elders and the  
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1 people that don't understand very good have a -- (In Yup'ik).  
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(Testing receivers)



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CHAIRMAN WILDE: And some of you that you -- if you

1 don't speak Eskimo, or understand Eskimo, you should have a  
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1 translator, because some people in the audience or in the  
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1 Council, they will talk to Eskimo, so if you want to understand  
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1 what they're saying, it would be good to have a translator with  
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1       you. (In Yup'ik) Go ahead, you could start.  
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MR. CONSTANTINO: Good afternoon, Mr. Chairman and

1 members of the Council, and ladies and gentlemen. My name is  
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1 George Constantino. I work for the Fish & Wildlife Service in  
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1 Anchorage for the Division of Refuges, and help refuge managers  
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1 throughout Alaska do their job as best they can, and also help  
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1 other people get in touch with the right people.  
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My first reason to visit with you is just to pay my

1 respects to the Council, and our gratitude for the good job  
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1 you're doing, and your efforts to allow people throughout the  
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1 Yukon Delta an effective say and role in implementing  
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My main reason today is to give you a brief update on

1 what's happening nationally on an issue with using steel shoot  
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1 of the program to Mike Rearden, who will talk much more  
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1 specifically about what's happening in your area.  
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I think as many people know, that over the years we've

1 found that when waterfowl hunters use lead shot, it puts the  
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1 lead in the wetlands, and the ducks eat it, and it causes  
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1 numbers of ducks to die. And there are national efforts, and  
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1 in fact it's the law throughout the United States that if  
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1 you're hunting waterfowl, you should use steel shot. And I  
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1 want to complement the people in this area, throughout the  
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1 Yukon Delta, AVCP, and the Yukon Refuge on the cooperative  
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1 effort that's going on right now to help waterfowl hunters  
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1 transition from lead to steel shot. And if you have any  
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1 questions about the statewide effort or throughout the United  
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INTERPRETER TINKER: You can keep on going.



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MR. CONSTANTINO: Or in the Lower United States about

1 what we're doing on wildlife refuges, I'll be glad to answer  
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1 that. But given your big agenda, and what you're trying to  
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1 cover in the next day and a half, I'd like to reserve the rest  
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1 of the time for Mike Rearden to talk to you about what's going  
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1 on right here with his efforts and the efforts of who all is --  
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1 all the partners that are helping him, so, Mike?  
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MR. REARDEN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman and members of

1 the Council. Like George said, we realize you've got a real  
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1 tight schedule, so I won't take much of your time, but I wanted  
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1 to get you caught up on what we're doing on the delta to deal  
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1 with the issue of lead shot and steel shot, and just give you a  
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1 little bit of information so you understand the importance of  
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We started having real serious concerns about lead shot

1 on the Delta several years ago when we noticed a serious  
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1 decline in the number of spectacled eiders that were being seen  
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1 on the coast by our biologists and also by local people.  
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1 Further studies showed that many of the birds, the young birds  
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1 that were captured by our biologists and by -- and some of the  
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1 adult birds had lead shot in them, and we found several birds  
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1 that had died from lead poisoning. Spectacled eiders, the  
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1 decline is such that it's now a threatened species. It's of  
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1 real importance when people realize that the population has  
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1 declined that much.  
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And I was going to tell you that we have a video tape

1 that we weren't going to be able to show, but it looks like  
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1 we'll be able to do it now. This is a real short video tape  
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1 that we'll go ahead and play, and that will give you more  
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1 information in eight minutes than I can give you just sitting  
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Just to give you an idea of what we're doing as far as

1 education. We gave several steel shot clinics or clinics in  
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1 the villages. We had them in Toksook Bay last year, and we've  
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1 had them in Chevak and Hooper Bay and other places, instructing  
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1 people on how to use steel shoot, and I think people on the  
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1 Delta are very successfully converting from using lead shot to  
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1 steel shot.  
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It's been illegal to use steel shot for -- or lead

1 shot, I'm sorry, for waterfowl since 1991, but realizing that  
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1 many people on the Delta had not heard about that, and that  
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1 steel has not been available, we set back the date until March  
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1 the 1st of 1998 as when we'll start enforcing the use of steel  
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1 shot on the Delta.  
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Now we'll go ahead and play the video tape if we can

1 get everything hooked up here, and then if there are any  
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1 questions, we'll be glad to answer them, but I think the video  
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1 tape will help you quite a bit.  
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UNIDENTIFIED VOICE: It will take a second.



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(Pause while video is set up - video played)



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CHAIRMAN WILDE: That's all your presentation?



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MR. REARDEN: That's it.



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CHAIRMAN WILDE: Okay. Thank you.



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MR. REARDEN: Thank you.



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CHAIRMAN WILDE: (In Yup'ik) refuge manager at (In

1       Yup'ik) Togiak National Wildlife Refuge.   (In Yup'ik)   Right  
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MR. ADERMAN: Thank you. My name is Andy Aderman.



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MR. DYASUK: (In Yup'ik)



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CHAIRMAN WILDE: Ee-ee.



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MR. ADERMAN: Again, thank you. My name is Andy

1 Aderman. I'm a wildlife biologist with Togiak National  
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1 Wildlife Refuge in Dillingham. I'd like to welcome the new  
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1 members to this Council, and the returning members also.  
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For the new members, Togiak National Wildlife Refuge

1 lies within two regions. On the east we're in the Bristol Bay  
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1 Region, and on the west in this region.  
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I'd like to briefly talk about three main issues that

1 the Togiak Refuge has been working with in the last year.  
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1 These would be public use management, fisheries, and wildlife.  
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Several years ago the refuge developed a public use

1 management plan to address concerns over crowding of sports  
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1 fishermen on the refuge's rivers. At that time the level of  
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1 guided use on the river was capped, and the plan states that  
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1 long-term management on the rivers will be directed towards an  
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1 allocation of 50 percent nonguided and 50 percent guided use.  
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1 Within the last couple of years, the level of nonguided use has  
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1 exceeds the guided use. Due to this increase, it was decided  
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1 that a revision of the plan would need to be made. We don't  
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1 plan to create a new plan, but only make changes where they are  
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We have conducted nine meetings in the villages most

1 affected on the refuge, and also have sent out notices to other  
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1 people that are interested in possible changes. That took  
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1 place this last summers, and the comments have been coming in,  
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1 and have been reviewed. Management alternatives have been  
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1 conducted two river ranger camps this year, one on the Goodnews  
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1 River, and one on the Kanektak River. Unfortunately we didn't  
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1 have one on the Togiak River, but we plan to next summer. We  
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1 have been conducting this river ranger program since 1991, and  
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1 some of the purposes of the river ranger program are to be a  
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1 main contact for fishermen floating down the river, to give  
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1 them information on regulations, bear safety, low impact  
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1 camping, and information about private lands so that those  
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1 people don't trespass. They also -- the river rangers collect  
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1 information on sport fishing and subsistence use occurring on  
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1 the rivers. Also they document any conflicts that occur, now  
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1 many fish the sport fishermen are catching, and also wildlife  
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1 sightings. And then they patrol the places where people camped  
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1 to make sure that they pick up their trash, and if not, they  
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1 report back to the office any violations.  
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Moving on to fisheries, our fisheries program focuses

1 in three areas. One is resident fish population and habitat  
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1 inventory. The second is anadromous fish inventory and  
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1 monitoring, and the third focus is outreach and education with  
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1 schools, public and other organizations.  
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With our resident fish inventory program, we have

1 worked with the Quinhagak Village Corporation, and Kanektak  
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1 River Safaris to sample resident fish in the Aralik River.  
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1 Other resident fish population programs occur mainly in the  
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1 Togiak River Drainage, and also this year we through the  
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1 Federal Subsistence Office, and a contract with Bristol Bay  
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1 Native Association completed a fresh water fish subsistence  
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1 harvest survey for the villages of Togiak and Manokotak, and we  
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1 would like to facilitate similar contracts with the Village of  
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1 Goodnews and Quinhagak.  
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Our anadromous fish program consists of conducting

1 aerial surveys of salmon spawning grounds in the rivers that  
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1 the State does not survey, and also providing support on three  
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1 different weir projects. One is replacing the Goodnews River  
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1 rigid weir with a floating weir. That weir is currently being  
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1 constructed in Bethel, and it will -- can be used in the Lower  
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1 Kuskokwim Bay Management Area. It doesn't have to necessarily  
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1 be on the Goodnews River.  
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Two other weir projects the refuge has been involved

1 with have been on the Kulukak River and the other one is  
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1 providing support to Quinhagak IRA to operate the combination  
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1 counting tower and weir on the Kanektak River. The funding for  
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1 this project came through Bureau of Indian Affairs, through the  
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1 Bering Sea Fishermen's Association.  
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The last focus in our fisheries program is outreach and

1 education, and we have conducted presentations in school on  
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1 fish biology, anatomy and aquatic insects. We've also held a  
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1 fishing education workshop in Dillingham for youngsters there.  
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1 We've held a similar clinic in Quinhagak. And we also have an  
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1 integrated fisheries education curriculum in Dillingham for  
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1 grades six through 12.  
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Moving last now to wildlife, our work has focused

1 primarily on walrus, seabirds and caribou. We conducted  
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1 research camps at Cape Peirce and Cape Newenham to monitor  
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1 walrus, seals, sea lions, seabirds, waterfowl and public use.  
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1 Walrus numbers have been lower this year. We just had our peak  
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1 a couple of days ago of 1800, and we will be monitoring walrus  
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1 until the end of October. Also, seabird productivity, the  
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1 number of chicks being hatched and fledged has been extremely  
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1 low at both Cape Peirce and Cape Newenham this year.  
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Also, out at Cape Peirce in early June we conducted an

1 environmental education camp for high school students from  
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1 Goodnews Bay. We plan to do this again next year with high  
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1 school students from either Goodnews Bay, Platinum, and  
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1 Quinhagak. And we hope to have a similar camp that focuses  
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1 primarily on caribou for Dillingham high school students, and  
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1 Manokotak high school students. This camp would be held on the  
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1 Nushagak Peninsula south of Dillingham.  
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Moving on to caribou, as you might be aware, the

1 Federal Subsistence Board passed a regulation last spring  
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1 allowing the refuge manager of Togiak to open a season west of  
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1 the Togiak River when there are more than 3,000 animals present  
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1 in the area. So far the caribou have not moved into that area,  
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1 but we will be flying surveys and if 3,000 or more come in,  
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1 then we can expect that an opening will occur.  
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South of Dillingham is the Nushagak Peninsula or Cape

1 Constantine caribou herd. The herd is doing well. Presently  
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1 there's between 1,000 and 1,500 animals, and we are seeing some  
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1 movement off of the Peninsula into the eastern Togiak Valley.  
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1 We regularly monitor this herd. We had our first August hunt  
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1 this year. Only five caribou were taken. Hunting will begin  
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1 again in December and go until March 31st. Last winter a  
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1 harvest of 52 was reported.  
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The last thing I was going to mention was moose. We

1 weren't able to conduct surveys last year because of poor snow  
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1 conditions. We feel that the population hasn't changed much,  
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1 and we estimate that there are between 100 and 150 in Unit 17A,  
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1 with fewer numbers in Unit 18, within Togiak National Wildlife  
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1     Refuge.  
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That about wraps it up for me. I'm going to be getting

1 ready for National Wildlife Refuge Week which begins next week,  
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1 and also preparing for the Bristol Bay Regional Council meeting  
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1 to be held in Togiak later on this month, October 22nd to the  
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MR. J. ANDREW: Mr. Chairman?



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CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah.



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MR. J. ANDREW: (In Yup'ik) Quyana.



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CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah. Quyana. (In Yup'ik)



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MR. GEORGE: Fritz George is requesting that they give

1 him a copy of the reports, if they're written down.  
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CHAIRMAN WILDE: (In Yup'ik) Ruralcap, Carl Jack.

1 Next is Carl Jack from Ruralcap.  
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MR. JACK: He wants to thank Regional Advisory

1 Committee for inviting him. And Ruralcaps is just -- he just  
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1       said he's not -- he's from this area.  He was born at Kwethluk,  
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1 and he knows the issues in both Kuskokwim and Yukon. And using  
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1 this -- and he's been subsistence hunting and he used to -- he  
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1 has hunt two times was hunting and he knows between those most  
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1 of the subsistence lifestyle of Yukon and Kuskokwim people.  
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He works at Ruralcap. There's three people working,

1 one biologist, lawyer and coordinator. And he's working under  
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1 the State board. And it consists Native Marine Mammal  
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1 Commission. Example, Eskimo -- or it consists of Eskimo  
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1 people. And under working on Migratory Bird Treaty Act. And  
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1 there are those that are trying to halt the subsistence people  
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1 from each village, take less, and to -- I'm involved in state  
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1 and subsistence issues, and when they work, including Inuka  
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1 (ph), toward subsistence hunting and fishing in this region.  
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Co-management agreement doesn't concern this board, but

1 it concerns Marine Mammal Protection Act, that was 19- -- Act  
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1 in 1972. And fish and wildlife, walrus, polar bear, sea  
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1       otters, otters, Fish & Wildlife, the other agencies, seals,  
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1 others were taken to National Marine Fisheries Service. And  
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1 this National Marine Mammal Act of 1972 is -- has been renewed  
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1 -- renewed every five years. Recent one was in 1994. Section  
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1 11, section -- under that act any native can hunt for  
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1 subsistence. On those -- and under this was, that the take, is  
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1 no waste of animals. Example, under the act if you were to  
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1 move from Alaska to other parts of the country, you can not  
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1 take back, example, your seal fur parka.  
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And the programs have been changed and there's advisory

1 committees. Example, Canada has people that are working  
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1 together with the native people of Canada, and they're --  
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1 concerning both the people, the native people, and, you know,  
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1 their government were working together, not when they're high  
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1 or no more -- either one doesn't have more power than the  
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1 other. They have same power. They sit down and discuss issues  
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1 and try to solve the -- this is concerning subsistence, and  
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1 they want to -- and they want the same things. And under the  
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1 Marine Mammal Commission, the people, committees from the area  
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1 can -- They will be using tribal people, using villages, and  
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1 since the tribes have been recognized by the Federal  
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1 Government, they've been working together. And there's not one  
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1 model agreement between under the co-management. When, you  
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1 know, most of the tribes in -- the tribes don't have lawyers or  
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1 biologists.  
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And they're not -- this -- they made a model agreement.

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1 at Secretarial level, work with the Fish & Wildlife, and all  
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1 the people that were mentioned earlier, working together. So  
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1 we got the commitment from Molly Beattie who was then Director  
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1 of Fish & Wildlife Services, committing his agency to work with  
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1 the native community to develop the umbrella agreement, which  
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1 would establish the foundation and guide as to how the  
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1 individual co-management agreements would be negotiated between  
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1 the Federal Government and the Alaska native tribes. And the  
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1 same -- we got the same commitment from Ronald Smitten,  
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1 director of National Marine Fisheries. (In Yup'ik) The first  
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1 round of negotiations through last August. Second round of  
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1 negotiations (indiscernible). This umbrella, this agreement,  
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1 (In Yup'ik).  
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This draft umbrella agreement was sent to all rural

1 villages in this region. This draft was given and will be  
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1 given to the lawyer to check. If there's nothing wrong with  
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1 this umbrella agreement -- which is -- which will only (In  
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1 Yup'ik) individual co-management agreement (In Yup'ik).  
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And it will guide the Federal agencies of what should

1 be considered in the individual co-management agreements. And  
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1 it's a document that will not bind the native tribes. It will  
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1 not act on their behalf. It will just serve as a guide and  
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1 foundation as to how the individual co-management agreements  
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1 will be negotiated between the Federal agencies and the tribes.  
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1 The basic foundation is only the tribes as recognized by the  
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1 Government as tribes will have the authority to negotiate  
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1 co-management agreements, or they can delegate that through an  
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1 authorizing resolution to another body if they wish to do so.  
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1 So that's the basic principle that the Fish & Wildlife and the  
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1 National Marine Fisheries has agreed to.  
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So the umbrella agreement is (In Yup'ik). This draft

1 umbrella agreement has been sent to the tribes and it's in  
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1 every village, between Ipcon (ph) and the Federal agencies.  
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We want to make it clear that it's not binding to the

1 tribes. They can still negotiate the individual co-management  
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1 agreements, but this agreement that I'm talking about just  
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1 basically provides the foundation and the guide for individual  
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1 co-management agreements.  
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I would like to introduce -- not introduce, but let

1 each and every one of you, that Calvin Simeon was involved  
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1 during this whole process and if you have any questions, I  
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1 would encourage you to ask him. (In Yup'ik)  
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That Marine Mammal Protection Act will be the same as

1 this Act.  
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For example, on the Kilbuck Caribou, I guess they're

1 going to pursue the same principles to be applied to the  
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1 co-management plan. That will be the implementation for the  
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1 protocol amendments to the Migratory Bird Treaty Act, which by  
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1 the way has been transmitted by the President to the Senate  
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1 Foreign Relations Committee as of August 2nd, which will  
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1       legalize taking of migratory birds from March to September, and  
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1 also provide for participation of the indigenous people in the  
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1 management of the migratory birds under Fish & Wildlife --  
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1 under the framework of that treaty. So (In Yup'ik). And it's  
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1 only one means of management. It doesn't prevent the tribe  
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1 from contracting for the management of certain wildlife  
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1 resources or to manage those under compact. Those are other  
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1 options. But co-management will allow equal participation of  
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1 the Federal agencies who have jurisdiction given to them by  
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1 Congress, and also participation by the users of that resource.  
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1       And we all have self-interest in maintaining and conserving  
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1 the wildlife resources that we have, so they'll be used by  
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1 future generations. (In Yup'ik)  
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CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah. Quyana. He wished to say,

1 recognize some of the board knows what this co-management  
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1 program is. Thank you.  
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MR. FOX: Mr. Chairman? Frank Fox. Frank is stating

1 that he doesn't agree with no biologist in this region. That  
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1 biologist from our.....  
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CHAIRMAN WILDE: Uh-huh. Yeah, Carl, (In Yup'ik).

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MR. JACK: Yeah. Okay.



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MR. SIMEON: One other reason we wanted to do the

1 umbrella agreement is because the Indigenous Peoples Council  
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1 felt that since there was funding associated with Marine Mammal  
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1 Protection Act, Section 119, that native communities shouldn't  
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1 be in a position of -- and considering there are some depleted  
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1 species out there, you know, in the Bering Sea and out in the  
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1 Gulf of Alaska, that the Indigenous Peoples Council felt that  
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1 it was likely that NMFS and possibly Fish & Wildlife would only  
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1 give funds to those organizations that were managing depleted  
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1 species. We've steadily maintained that co-management  
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1 shouldn't be an effort to decrease hunting for marine mammals,  
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1 so that was the other reason that we went through the umbrella  
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1 agreement was that the native community would have more control  
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1 over who gets funded for what species, instead of just having  
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1 to receive funds for depleted species, that we might have an  
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1 opportunity to be involved with all animals that we harvest out  
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CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah. Quyana. Yeah. I think to make

1 a report like this, if you could kind of reduce it down, where  
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1 is the importance to the people, I think it would be good,  
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1 because of our time. Carl, and thank you for your report also.  
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1 Now that we hear from AVCP. Greg? Greg is very well known,  
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1 and he's been working with us ever since this Council been  
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MR. ROCZICKA: Yeah. Quyana, Mr. Chairman. I'm --

1 well, I'll try to be real brief. Carl -- I was going to touch  
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1 on the marine mammal issue, but Carl's covered that fairly  
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I guess I would mention though, he did speak of

1 Calvin's involvement. Not only was Calvin involved, he was the  
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1 co-chair for that Indigenous People Council on Marine Mammals.  
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1           And so that -- he's well in that. It is a very important  
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1 document. It's well worth the consideration and the time that  
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Anyway, I've passed around just a brief summary of some

1 of the major areas that we've focused our efforts on over the  
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1 last year through AVCP, the Resource Department. Carl covered  
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1 the marine mammals.  
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Under the fisheries, we had several cooperative

1 fisheries projects going on with both State and Federal  
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1 management agencies. Aniak River sonar and impact analysis,  
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1 the Lower Kuskokwim test fish, and the Pilot Station sonar, as  
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1 well as the weir up the Kwethluk River. And we did work a bit  
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1 also with Quinhagak Council just in a technical advisory  
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1 capacity, and I would expect that probably next year Kwethluk  
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1 will be taking over and running their own project as well. And  
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1 we would reduce our level of administrative oversight, if you  
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Under waterfowl, not a lot of activities there, since

1 the WCC went to a two-year approval cycle on the plan, so there  
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1 was not a great deal of meetings in that regard. Their effort  
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1 was more focused into working with both the refuge staff and  
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1 other Interior Fish & Wildlife staff on putting the steel shot  
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1 seminars together where people get a chance to go out and get a  
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1 chance to practice with it essentially and figure out how it  
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1 shoots. And just about everybody that takes the time to do  
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1 that essentially has no problems shooting steel shot after that  
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1 point. With just -- after putting a couple boxes of shells  
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Qauilnguut caribou. Most of you here are quite well

1 aware that the Mulchatna herd has again moved in for the third  
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1 year in a row. Prior to that point we were looking at  
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1 approximately a 15 percent growth rate every year, which -- and  
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1 while still allowing hunting to occur, so that still stands as  
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1 a very prime example of how cooperative and co-management can  
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1 and does work. Our estimate using those old percentage  
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1 numbers, I guess we'd be looking at roughly 5,000 animals now,  
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1 which was kind of set as a goal by the group back when it  
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1 started six, seven, eight years ago now.  
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For the Lower Yukon Moose Cooperative Management, the

1 group at its last meeting in Marshall last year did give  
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1 conceptual approval to a management plan, and that's pending  
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1 the ratification of all the village councils who are involved  
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1 when they take it back to their respective member villages, and  
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1 expect to be meeting on that next year, or through this next  
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And it was quite interesting actually for that meeting

1 that did take place in Marshall. None of the management staff  
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1 per se, the -- Mr. Kacyon or the refuge, were able to make it  
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1 for that meeting. Basically all that we had there was the  
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1 protection officers. Looking at meetings that I've been to  
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1 over the past years, you know, where there's oftentimes a lot  
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1 of confrontation, the only guys that were there were the  
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1 enforcement officers, and there was no -- not no, but very,  
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1 very little confrontation, accusing that went on there. It was  
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1 just a totally different attitude than was commonly seen in the  
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1 past. It was a real positive interchange. By the time it got  
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1 done, you know, they were -- nobody was blaming enforcement  
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1 officers for making the laws or having to go out and enforce  
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1 them, and they were looking into ways of educating the younger  
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1 generation about that you don't go down and chase car- -- chase  
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1 a moose down just for the fun of it, you know, to see how close  
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1 you can get, and how far it's going to run before it gets out  
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1 of breath, and then watch it abort its calf in the spring time.  
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1       You know, things like that were talked about, and talked real  
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1 openly. And they showed some pictures of some wanton waste  
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1 kill that they had, and it was a very productive meeting.  
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And as well we had representatives from the -- from GAS

1 (ph) villages, Grayling, Anvik and Holy Cross, and there was a  
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1 good interchange there as well on some differences of opinion  
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1 which people on the Kuskokwim may be familiar with between  
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1 upriver/downriver and hunting on private lands. And so it was  
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1 it was a very positive meeting.  
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For Kuskokwim moose, we finally managed after three

1 months of Federal shut downs and getting weathered out to try  
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1 to put meetings together, we finally did have one in Aniak in  
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1 early February, and again that was just to serve as a starting  
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1 point to try to get a dialogue going between the two different  
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1 factions on users on the Kuskokwim drainage for moose  
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1 --populations. And we hope to see that continue in the future  
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1 as well. I know that many of you here sitting on this Council  
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1 were involved in various of these groups as we -- as they  
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1 occurred throughout the course of the year.  
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I guess with that -- maybe just before I quit, Calvin,

1 he'd requested that he wanted to say a few words as well on  
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COURT REPORTER: Could you come up to the microphone,

1 please?  
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MR. SIMEON: Mr. Chairman, this will take less than 60

1 seconds. I just wanted to quickly explain why the AVCP  
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1 Waterfowl Conservation Committee chose to be -- chose to  
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1 endorse and be involved with the steel shot program that was  
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1 mentioned by Rearden and Mr. Constantino. The reason -- there  
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1 was three reasons. The first one was that they were very  
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1 concerned about the resource. It was being depleted, and we  
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1 saw a lot of birds showing signs of lead shot, so they were  
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1 worried about the birds.  
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And secondly, they were worried about people who

1 consumed these birds, you know, the health of the children, and  
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1 everything that went on with steel shot.  
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And thirdly, we were concerned that people shouldn't

1 have to practice with their own shells to become good with  
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1 steel shoot. It takes very little time to become very good  
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1 with steel shoot, and when I was growing up, I only got three  
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1 shells to go hunting. And I know it's still like that in a lot  
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1 of places, so that's the three reasons. Guyana.  
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CHAIRMAN WILDE: That's it?



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MR. ROCZICKA: Doy.



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CHAIRMAN WILDE: Thank you. Thank you for your report,

1 and it's well planned. Everything is on this. Yeah, quyana.  
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1 (In Yup'ik) James Luke. James Luke is Kuigpagmiut Natural  
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1 Resource Department, that's where he's working.  
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MR. LUKE: I'd like to thank you for giving me this

1 opportunity to present my report. I will explain some of this  
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1 in Yup'ik. (In Yup'ik)  
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I'm from Mountain Village and I work for Kuigpagmiut,

1 Incorporated. It's a consortium of three villages: Marshall,  
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1       Andreafsky, and Mountain Village.   Kuigpagmiut, Incorporated  
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1 received small funds to work with natural resources in regards  
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1 to our subsistence under ANILCA. Kuigpagmiut, Incorporated,  
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1 invited the villages within Wade Hampton District, and we're  
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1 working on an idea of forming a subsistence council similar to  
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1 Eskimo Whaling Commission.  
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These villages through their tribal councils have been

1 working and met in St. Mary's last year to lay the groundwork  
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1 forming this subsistence council. And I did give a report, a  
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1 copy of this report earlier to the people in the fish  
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We hope to name our council Wade Hampton Inter-Tribal

1 Subsistence Council, and for the benefit of those people that  
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1 don't have this report, a copy of this report, I will read from  
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1 my report.  
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Statement of purpose. The purpose of the project is to

1 continue the development of a regional subsistence commission,  
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1 the Wade Hampton Inter-Tribal Subsistence Council through  
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1 adoption of organic documents, establishment of administration  
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1 systems and development of a plan for the transition of certain  
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1 Federal/State mandated subsistence management responsibilities  
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1 to the subsistence council. The 14 villages within the Wade  
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1 Hampton Census District have each submitted, or some of them,  
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1 resolutions supporting the development of this council.  
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The subsistence council, modeled after the Alaska

1 Eskimo Whaling Commission, will be an effective voice in  
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1 planning, implementing, and enforcing a land use and resource  
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1 management program controlled by the people most affected by  
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1 it. The subsistence council will establish land manage  
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1 agreements developed with agencies, such as Fish & Wildlife  
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1 Service, Bureau of Land Management, defining open seasons, bag  
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1 limits, escapement, resolving disputes, imposing sanctions on  
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1 members who violate the terms of the agreements, et cetera.  
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I'll just give you a brief information on it. Under

1 the -- ANILCA articulated a clear policy of subsistence use  
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1 priority on Federal owned lands in Alaska. The State of Alaska  
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1 has been unable to satisfy ANILCA requirements. Subsequently,  
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1 the Federal Government had no choice but to take back  
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1 management of fish and wildlife from the State and establish  
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1 practices in conformity with ANILCA.  
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Therefore, in 1995, we began the development of the

1 Wade Hampton Inter-Tribal Subsistence Council, modeled after  
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1 the Alaska Eskimo Whaling Commission. Under these funds, we  
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1 started working on these: developed a resource management  
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1 chart, a chart of agencies responsibilities and activities,  
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1 depicting separate management components, aliens functions  
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1 among the agencies; developed a strategic plan for development  
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1 of the subsistence council and co-management agreements with  
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1 Federal and State agencies.  
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Our current status is that our tribal people depend on

1 the fish, game -- fish and game and land resources in our area  
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1 for both their subsistence value and their commercial values.  
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1 The spiritual, cultural, social, and familial value of the  
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1 subsistence resources is immense. The cash income from the  
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1 commercial harvest supports large extended families.  
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The subsistence council once established will give our

1 people input into how the resources are managed, and decisions  
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1 about who gets to harvest what, when and how much. We are in  
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1 the process of becoming included i the decision-making loop of  
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1 management of the resources. We must be a part of the process,  
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1 taking into account not only the future of the resource  
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1 planning for the safe future of valued resources, in such a way  
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1 as to meet basic soul needs of today.  
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Our goals and objectives include, but not limited to:

1 This goal of this project is to bring the subsistence council  
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1 into full operation with negotiated co-management agreements  
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1 with Federal and State agencies in place.  
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There are three objectives we will be work through to

1 achieve this goal:  
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First, design and develop subsistence council organic

1 documents and organizational structure.  
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Second, develop and implement the subsistence council

1 land use and resource management plan.  
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Third, establish subsistence council administrative

1 system and funding resources to support this organization.  
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Subsistence council will have fulfilled the purpose of

1 the previously developed strategic plan and resource management  
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1 chart by achieving organizational capacity for the managing  
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1 and/or co-managing the subsistence resources of the 14 villages  
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1 in the Wade Hampton Census Area.  
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(In Yup'ik) The idea of co-management is good, but

1 eventually (In Yup'ik) our natural resources. (In Yup'ik)  
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1 that we want to put laws and regulations into our subsistence  
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1 regulations equally with Federal and State. We want to not  
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1 only be part of this (In Yup'ik). Customary and traditional  
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1 lifestyles, to work cooperatively with State/Federal agencies  
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1 in managing our renewable resources who have local input in  
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1 regulation and management effort complements our customary and  
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1 traditional subsistence lifestyle. And under this --  
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1 establishment of Wade Hampton Subsistence Inter-Tribal Council,  
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1 there has been support from outlying villages. And it will --  
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1 this has been sent out to the villages, (indiscernible)  
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1 councils, and ask for support for this council. From this  
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1 council, a letter of encouragement or a letter of support (In  
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1       Yup'ik) Wade Hampton Subsistence Council (In Yup'ik).   And Wade  
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1 Hampton Census Area. This consists of Alakanuk, Andrafsky,  
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1 Chevak, Emmonak, Hooper.....  
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Doy, end of my report there.



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CHAIRMAN WILDE: Thank you, James. I think James. I

1 think James Luke has been involved in certain things that -- a  
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1 lot of things to do with the Lower Yukon. Management plan,  
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1 moose management plan and some other things. He's involved in  
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1 that. And also I work very close with James. (In Yup'ik)  
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1 He's been assisting James. He's been working with the Lower  
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1 Yukon Villages, and when they were talking about Mountain  
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1 Village moose management plan, there has -- there's the moose  
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1 population has increased in Mountain Village area due to  
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1 management under their program.  
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Next on our agenda is ADF&G. Randy Kacyon? You're

1 gaining weight kind of it look like. Eating good.  
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MR. KACYON: I'd like to thank the Council for letting

1 me talk, and all the new members on the Council, and especially  
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1 like some of the old members, my friend Harry Wilde, and old  
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1 school chum, Fritz George, and I really liked the eloquent  
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1 welcome that Jackson Lomack gave us today. It was really nice.  
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I'm just going to briefly talk about three species that

1 we cooperatively manage with the Fish & Wildlife Service and  
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1 the villages. We have co-management agreements now for three  
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1 species in GMU 18, which is the management area that I'm  
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1 responsible for, and one is brown bear, I'm going to talk  
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1 briefly a little bit about brown bear biology, and a research  
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1 project that we have going on, and talk a little bit about  
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1 moose in GMU 18, Lower Yukon, and also Lower Kuskokwim, and a  
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1 little bit about the Kilbuck Caribou Management Plan, also the  
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1 recent immigration of Mulchatna caribou animals into the Unit.  
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I've brought a copy of my report to hand out to the

1 members so that you'll have a written copy. I apologize for  
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1 not having one last time I was here. Most of this is just  
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1 handouts, there's very little text.  
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First, I want to start out with brown bear. In GMU 18

1 we have two sets of regulations for brown bears. One set of  
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1 regulations is for subsistence brown bear hunters, and that's  
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1 called the Western Alaska Brown Bear Management Area. That  
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1 also includes portions of Units 17 and 19. This particular  
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1 brown bear management area was developed in cooperation with  
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1 Fish & Wildlife Service, as well as 24 villages on the Y-K  
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1 Delta and the Togiak region. Under this regulation, a  
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1 subsistence hunter can take a brown bear now every year instead  
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1 of every four years, and he doesn't have to purchase a \$25 tag  
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1 like he used to have to do under the sport hunting regulations.  
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1       And you don't have to have the bear sealed either.  
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The other set of regulations is, of course, the sport

1 hunting regulations, and that requires the hunter to purchase a  
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1 \$25 tag, and the bag limit is one bear only every four years.  
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1 So there's basically two sets of regulations, one for  
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1 subsistence hunters and one for sport hunters.  
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And you may ask, well, how do we decipher between sport

1 hunters and subsistence hunters? The way the regulation reads,  
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1 and this was agreed upon many of the villages is that one of  
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1 the requirements to obtain a subsistence brown bear permit to  
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1 take a bear every year is you have to salvage the meat for  
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1 human consumption.  
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Some of this information I'm providing today is old

1 business, but I know there's three new members, and I want to  
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1 make sure people were aware of it, that this subsistence  
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1 regulation has been in place for four years now.  
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The subsistence bear permit looks like a harvest

1 ticket, and I put one in every one of your handouts, a xerox  
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1 copy, and usually these are handed out by the vendors in the  
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1       villages. It's sort of like your moose harvest ticket. And  
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1 there's also a map that is provided to all the hunters.  
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The first year, in '92, we issued approximately 90

1 subsistence permits, mostly to Kuskokwim River villages, and  
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1 some in Togiak and Twin Hills and Dillingham. The last few  
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1 years most of the permits have been issued out of Kwethluk,  
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1 Tuluksak, Akiachak, Togiak, Goodnews, Mountain Village, and  
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1 Marshall. So we're getting more, a few more villages involved  
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1 with it. Most of the people that use brown bear meat are the  
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1 subsistence hunters, and most people are not interested in  
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1 getting a subsistence permit, because a lot of people don't use  
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1 brown bear meat for human consumption.  
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There seem to be a lot of confusion about the

1 regulations, and people didn't know about the subsistence brown  
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1 bear permit, and that's why I wanted to present that today.  
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We also have a brown bear co-management working group

1 that we started the last -- I think it was about a year or two  
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1 ago, and maybe Greg can correct me on that, two years ago, and  
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1 we have 24 villages involved in that. And we're working  
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1 together on developing better methods in getting harvest  
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1 information, because even though it's a lot easier now for a  
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1 subsistence hunter to get a brown, and there's a lot less  
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1 regulations involved, we still have a real stumbling block in  
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1 getting harvest information. I'm getting very little harvest  
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1 information back, so we're trying to develop better ways to get  
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1 that. With AVCP's help, Fish & Wildlife Service, and the  
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1       villages and all combined.  
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The biological information on brown bears in Unit 18 is

1 very little. All of our information is mainly harvest. We  
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1 have -- we did, however, start a radio collaring project in  
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1 1993, and we continued it in June of '94, to better ascertain  
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1 how many brown bears are in an area in the Kilbuck Mountains.  
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1 The object of the project was to mark as many bears as possible  
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1 to come up with a population estimate. However, the project  
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1 was put on hold mainly because of opposition to the project by  
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1 local communities.  
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The project is currently on hold; however, we do have

1 27 radio collared female bears on the air that we monitor every  
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1 two weeks in the summer and fall and then very month in the  
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1 winter when they're denned up. And I've provided each of you a  
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1 map with where the bears have been located the last three  
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1 years, from March of '90 -- or June of '93 until March of '96.  
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1 The first map is basically where we found bears the last three  
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1 years, and the second map is how big of an area each bear  
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1 covers. And the third chart is just a simple view of what  
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1 biological information we're getting from these bears. For  
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1 example, we have a female that was born in 1988, and she had  
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1 cubs during 1994, and so that's -- that kind of productivity  
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1 information is important and that's the sort of things we're  
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1 looking at. Even though we may not be able to get a population  
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1 estimate, we'll at least get some move information on these  
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1 bears, and also see how productive these female bears are, now  
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1 many cubs they have, and how many times they have cubs.  
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Also in your handout I've provided a copy of what a

1 sport hunting tag looks like for brown bear. Some of you may  
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1 not be familiar with this, but this is the \$25 tag I was  
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1 referring to.  
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That's basically all I have for brown bears. Are there

1 any questions from the council, and then I'll move on to moose,  
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CHAIRMAN WILDE: Go ahead with moose.



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MR. KACYON: Okay. We have two co-management plans

1 started on moose. One has been on-going for about three, four  
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1 years, the Lower Yukon Moose Management Plan. And for the  
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1 Lower Yukon moose, we're talking about the area from old  
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1 Paimuit Village down to the coast on the Yukon, down towards  
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1 Kotlik and Alakanuk and Emmonak. And the goal for this area is  
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1 3,000 moose. And right now after looking at three different  
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1 areas, we found that there's approximately 1100 moose between  
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1 Paimuit and Emmonak, and so we're almost half-way there. We've  
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1 had good moose production the last five winters, because we've  
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1 had very mild winters and very little flooding. However, we  
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1 still have very low moose densities on the Lower Yukon below  
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1 Pilot Station. Between Pilot Station and Emmonak, we probably  
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1 have less than 200 moose. Between Pilot Station and Paimuit,  
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1       however, there's probably 1,000 or more moose, so, you know,  
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1 that particular area is doing good.  
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One of the most frustrating problems we have for moose

1 herd growth in Unit 18 is the continued hunting of female  
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1 moose, and this is one of the things that we addressed at our  
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1 co-management meeting is to educate people about not hunting  
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1 cow moose, so that we can have more moose in the future.  
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Right now the reported harvest on -- the average

1 reported harvest on the Yukon River is about 60 moose each  
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1 year, and on the Kuskokwim it's between 20 and 40 each year.  
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1 Bulls. Now, this is just reported harvest. And we all know  
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1 that there's a lot of people that don't report their harvest.  
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1 But based on that information, we're already harvesting moose  
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1 at or above levels that we should be.  
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There's -- other than the harvest ticket system for

1 getting moose harvest, we also have two check stations, one on  
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1 the Yukon River at Paimuit Slough. We interview between two  
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1 and 300 hunters a year, and we sample close to 100 moose every  
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1 year. Most of those moose, however, are taken outside of the  
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1 Unit 18. This year we started a moose hunter check station  
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1 below Kalskag, and for the first year it was quite successful.  
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1 We sampled 103 moose and over 200 caribou, and we interviewed  
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1 close to 200 hunters, and so that's improving quite a bit, too.  
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1 And so that's how some of the -- we get some of our harvest  
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In your handout, I provided basic historical moose

1 harvest data and moose population data for the Yukon and the  
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1 Kuskokwim, and you can look at that at your leisure.  
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One of the things I wanted to show you that's in your

1 packet that was developed by the Lower Yukon Moose Management  
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1 Committee was they came up with a poster. It says save the  
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1 females for the future, and this was made by some school -- was  
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1 it school children in Mountain Village? I can't remember.  
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1 James, were you involved with this or.....  
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MR. LUKE: Yeah, we -- that was designed by Fish &

1 Wildlife.  
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MR. KACYON: Okay. Yeah, Fish and Wildlife did the

1 printing, but I think it was -- you know, we all agreed on what  
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1 it would say on here.  
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And I also provided you with a simple module for this

1 Council when you're talking about moose conservation, and it  
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1 will help you visualize what it looks like when you save cow  
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1 moose, and what can happen. And what I did is I took a bull  
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1 and a cow moose, a cow moose that was three years old, and a  
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1 bull moose that was three years old, and we carried the  
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1 population out 11 years, and we ended up with 75 moose just  
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1 from one pair of moose.  
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INTERPRETER TINKER: How many moose is that?



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MR. KACYON: 75. I think this is a good way to start

1 educating everyone about why we don't shoot cow moose down here  
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1 until we get more moose. And I know that there are cow moose  
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1 seasons upriver where there are many more moose, but I would  
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1 like to see many more moose down in this area so people don't  
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1 have to travel 300 miles to get their moose. And that's one of  
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1 the goals of the moose conservation down here in not harvesting  
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The last species I wanted to talk about was caribou,

1 and we've been involved for a much longer time with  
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1 co-management with caribou, mainly Kilbuck caribou, and as Greg  
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1 mentioned, the caribou population has been growing, and the  
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1 Mulchatna herd, and as far as we know, it's still been growing  
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1 on the Kilbuck herd. The problem we have right now is that the  
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1 two hers have been mixed for three years, three consecutive  
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1 years during the peak of the rut, and so the small herd  
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1 identify thing, and management of one separate herd is becoming  
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1 a bit of a gray area, and more confusing. And needless to say  
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1        though, we're swamped with caribou now, where at one time we  
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1 could hardly find any.  
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There are also two sets of regulations in Unit 18 for

1 caribou, one north of the Yukon River, which is basically the  
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1 Western Arctic Herd where a hunter can take one caribou every  
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1 day year round. That herd is close to a half a million. It  
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1 comes down into the Pastolik area, St. Mary's, Andrafsky area,  
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1 and usually in the wintertime.  
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The other regulations are under the Kilbuck Caribou

1 Management Plan, and those are everything south of the Yukon  
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1 River. And that's where we have 18 villages involved, Fish &  
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1 Wildlife Service, AVCP and Fish & Game. We all get together  
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1 and we write proposals to change regulations or seasons or bag  
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1 limits that everyone agrees upon under the guise of the Kilbuck  
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1 Caribou Management Plan.  
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The main -- I put a copy of the Kilbuck Caribou Plan in

1 your document here, just as goal number one, and basically the  
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1 way the Kilbuck Caribou Plan works out here is when there's  
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1 less than 1,000 caribou, there will be no hunting. When  
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1 there's between 1,000 and 3,000 caribou, you can take 5 percent  
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1 of that herd. When the herd is between 3 and 5,000, we'll have  
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1 a harvest ratio of 7-1/2 percent. And if substantial numbers  
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1 of Mulchatna animals come into the area like they did again  
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1 this year, we will open the season from October 1 until March  
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1 31st for two caribou. We are currently working under the 7-1/2  
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1 percent harvest; however, as I mentioned before, because of the  
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1 Mulchatna herd existence, we liberalize things a lot more. We  
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1 have a longer season, the theory behind this is if you have  
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1 many thousands of Mulchatna animals mixed in with a few  
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1 thousand Kilbuck animals, the probability of killing a Kilbuck  
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1 animal is much less, so, you know, we're not as worried about  
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1 over-harvest of caribou while Mulchatna animals are present.  
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Sometime maybe tomorrow if we can get some of the group

1 together here, I notice some of the Kilbuck Caribou Management  
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1 Plan team is in the audience, we're going to discuss possible  
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1 proposals for next year, and changing the harvest.  
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In our handout, I provided the one-page from the

1 Kilbuck Caribou Management Plan so you can familiarize yourself  
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1 with that, and also what the caribou harvest tickets look like.  
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I also provided a copy of the emergency order that I

1 issued yesterday that says that the season south of the Yukon  
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1 is now open from October 1 until the end of March for two  
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1 caribou. Some you may not know that. I've been getting a lot  
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1 of calls about this emergency order, and a lot of people are  
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1 confused, because it says south of the Yukon, and that also  
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1 means south of the Kuskokwim, so basically everything south of  
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1 the Yukon, all the way to Cape Newenham is now open for caribou  
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1 hunting.  
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I want to also say that for the brown bear, the moose

1 and the caribou, Fish & Wildlife Service has been instrumental  
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1 in collecting a lot of biological information, not just myself.  
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1           And Fish & Wildlife Service, I want to make sure that I  
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1 recognize them and the villages have been instrumental in  
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1 developing the regulations for these three species, as well as  
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1 AVCP, Greg Roczicka, and Calvin Simeon, who have been  
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1 instrumental in providing funding for the meetings, and also  
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1 discussions about regulations for these three species.  
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That's all I have, Mr. Chairman.



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CHAIRMAN WILDE: Quyana.



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MR. JOHN: (In Yup'ik)



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CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah.



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MR. JOHN: (In Yup'ik) His question is that, you know,

1 some moose, you know, get old and they don't produce any more.  
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1 Are they counted as the population, because according to him,  
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1 they're just waiting to die. They're not producing.  
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MR. KACYON: Yeah, there's probably -- there's a

1 segment of the moose population that Mr. John's referring to  
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1 that -- and we've discussed this on the lower Yukon. We went  
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1 into actually a great discussion about barren cows and moose  
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1 that are unproductive or elderly moose, and I guess the answer  
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1 that I gave the Lower Yukon, and I guess I can give to you, is  
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1 that even though there may be some female moose out there that  
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1 are unproductive, we don't want to take a chance in harvesting  
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1 female moose that may be productive, because when we talk to  
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1 the elders on the Lower Yukon, there weren't very many that  
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1 said they could tell the difference between a barren cow and a  
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1 productive cow moose. And so that's kind of where the  
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1 discussion ended there is we just -- we just want to protect  
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1 the female moose. Even though they may die, it's better to  
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1 protect the females, because the ones that are protected will  
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1 produce calves.  
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MR. JOHN: (In Yup'ik)



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INTERPRETER TINKER: (In Yup'ik)



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CHAIRMAN WILDE: Quyana.



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MR. KACYON: Thank you.



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CHAIRMAN WILDE: (In Yup'ik) five minutes break (In

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CHAIRMAN WILDE: The last discussion for tonight. (In

1       Yup'ik) Our staff made two proposals on subsistence issue, by  
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1 boat, by snow machine. The proposals -- he represented the  
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1 Council. On these proposals, the snow machine or boat, that  
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1 they shouldn't be shooting out of the boat or snow machine, has  
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1 to stop before they shoot. But for subsistence -- on that  
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1 proposal, in the past the regulations were the boat or the snow  
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1 machine had to stop, but now the boat can be travelling, or the  
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1 snow machine can be travelling in order to shoot for animals.  
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1 There's seven regional advisory committees. The proposal --  
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1 and the Board acted on the proposal, and which has passed. So  
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1 a hunter, subsistence hunters can shoot even though the boat is  
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1 in motion, or the snow machine is in motion, so they pushed for  
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1 this. The Board approved it.  
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Proposal #32 was taken -- it was August 15 to April 15,

1 and on this proposal a hunter can get two caribou. On proposal  
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1 33 -- on this proposal, you can catch two caribou from August 1  
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1 to April 15. And the Bristol Bay Advisory Committee opposed  
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1 Proposals 32, but Yukon-Kuskokwim Advisory Committee didn't act  
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1 on, and the advisory board from Bristol Bay supported Proposal  
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1 #33, including upriver. And the proposal was modified so they  
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1 can hunt from -- 'til March 15, the seasons. If there's 60,000  
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1 (ph) caribou, they can hunt. And they support -- Bristol Bay  
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1 supported Proposal 33, and upriver advisory committee agreed  
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1 with that proposal. From March -- will be closed from March 31  
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1 until there's 60,000 caribou available.  
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Proposal 36, customary and traditional use pertaining

1 to moose in Unit 17. The proposal is from Quinhagak  
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1 Traditional Council. And Bristol Bay Advisory Committee was  
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1       opposed to it, and after discussion, acted -- staff requested  
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1 that they, along with proposal 36, and proposal 36 will be  
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1 discussed later on. Bristol Bay Council and this Council will  
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1 meet to discuss and there was no motion or -- on Proposal 33,  
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1 unless -- until they, Bristol Bay and this Board discuss it  
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Under black bear in Unit 18, the .....



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INTERPRETER TINKER: Which proposal? I don't know.



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CHAIRMAN WILDE: (In Yup'ik) Those villages that --

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1 Stebbins, St. Michaels, Holy Cross, Lower and Upper Kalskag,  
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1 Aniak, Chuathbaluk, (In Yup'ik) Togiak and Twin Hills. (In  
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1       Yup'ik) Those villages that he mentioned are all what that  
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1 proposal was accepted, that traditional and customary use for  
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1 black bear.  
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Proposal 41 was.....



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INTERPRETER TINKER: Where is this report? I don't

1 have one.  
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CHAIRMAN WILDE: (In Yup'ik) There was a question or

1 requested from -- under customary and traditional use by three  
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1 villages from Unit 18. This proposal was from Western Interior  
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1 Council. And this proposal was modified to add Chuathbaluk,  
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1 Aniak and Lower Kalskag and Holy Cross, Stebbins, and St.  
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1 Michael and Togiak. That they can customary and traditional  
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1 use. And he's stating that we should just discuss it for  
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1 whatever, either amend it, modify it, or accept it or oppose  
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1 it. They have to meet, first villages should meet and discuss  
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1 this issue, and if they agree this proposal will be further  
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1 discussed. It wasn't passed, but they'll have to discuss it  
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1 further in the future when they meet. This board if they'll  
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1       become one towards moose. It will be further discussed.  
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On proposal 45 concerning moose in 21(E), and the

1 proposal was from this board, from this council. On this  
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1 proposal we have to look at -- it wasn't passed. They didn't  
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1 discuss it. This council and the upriver council will meet  
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1 together and after discussion they can -- after further  
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1 discussion, it will be brought up the Subsistence Board.  
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Proposal 45, customary and traditional use, it was from

1 Lower Yukon Advisory Committee. The proposal, they didn't  
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1 discuss the issue. They will have to meet and discuss this  
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On proposal 49, the same pertaining to caribou, north

1 side of Yukon. There's about 500,000 or more caribou. 500,000  
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1 caribou, sometimes they migrate from upper north to north side  
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1 of Yukon. The staff -- the board, the staff.....  
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After meeting this today (ph), the Chairman Harry Wilde

1 and the Chairman of the upriver village agreed concerning Unit  
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1 22, from north all the way up to Shagluk -- Shaktoolik, they  
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1 want a person -- they'd like to be able to hunt in person in --  
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1 and there is Emmonak, Kotlik, Marshall, Mountain Village, Pilot  
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1 Station, Pitka's Point, Russian Mission, St. Mary's, Sheldon's  
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1 Point, Alakanuk. All those lower Yukon villages will be able  
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1 to hunt, because they potentially hunted in the past. If  
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1 Hooper Bay, Chevak, Scammon Bay want to be included in those  
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1 villages that will be able to hunt, they will have to come up  
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1 with proposal if they want to hunt north caribou herd. And  
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1 he's asking Antone Anvil to give a report on.....  
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MR. ANVIL: Harry Wilde invited him to attend this

1 meeting, and he attended that meeting, and all those proposals  
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1 were brought up and all the councils should be working together  
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1 on these proposals to pass them or oppose them, but work  
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1 together. And this is concerning wolves (ph). Yukon-  
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1 Kuskokwim, Bristol Bay should be working together and accept  
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1 these proposals. And working together with all the other  
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1 council, they should be working together. And he's in support  
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1 that they'll work together in passing these proposals, if --  
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1 like example, if Bristol Bay doesn't want the proposals passed,  
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1 they should sit down and discuss before the oppose it or pass  
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1 it, or including -- everybody should be working together and be  
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1 able to hunt.  
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CHAIRMAN WILDE: He presented these proposals to the

1 regional board, and he's been working -- they were deferring  
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1 the proposals after they discuss the proposals. And from our  
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1 elders he's been taught that we shouldn't be fighting over  
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1 subsistence animals, fish, should be working closely together  
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1 with other council. And the meeting is recessed until 8:00  
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1 o'clock tomorrow morning. Tomorrow morning on number two,  
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1 staff will give a report on.....  
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MR. ANDREW \_\_\_\_\_: Mr. Chairman?



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CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah?



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MR. ANDREW \_\_\_\_\_: (In Yup'ik)



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CHAIRMAN WILDE: Unit 18?



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MR. ANDREW \_\_\_\_\_: Yeah. His question is Tuluksak in

1 Unit 18. He's got a question, if Tuluksak is in.....  
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CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah. (In Yup'ik) Unit 18 consists

1 of -- he states that on that Game Management Unit 18, our  
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1 villages are included on these proposals, even though they're  
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1 not named. For example, if he wants to make a proposal, for  
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1 example, he's from Yukon River. If Akiachak makes a proposal,  
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1 he's going to be -- he's not going to involve himself if  
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1 Akiachak makes a proposal, because he's not from Akiachak, or  
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1 from this region.  
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MR. ANDREW \_\_\_\_\_: Yeah, he's stating that since he

1 thinks this -- if it's Tuluksak is not included in that  
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1 proposal, he thinks he might not be included. That's just why  
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1 he's got the question on Tuluksak where it's about -- if it's  
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1 included in Unit 18. His concern is that since Tuluksak hasn't  
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1        been mentioned, and we have been included in 18's regulations  
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CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah. (In Yup'ik) traditional and

1 customary uses according to the map Harry Wilde is showing.  
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MR. WILLIAMS: And Roy is -- he was confused since

1 Akiak hasn't been mentioned in those. He finally understand  
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1 that customary and traditional is.....  
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MR. J. ANDREW: John is stating that if they mention

1 unit 18, it will -- and he's further explaining that  
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1 subsistence -- if your name's not men- -- I mean, your village  
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1 is not mentioned, if we're talking about Game Management Unit  
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MR. WILLIAMS: (In Yup'ik)



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MR. J. ANDREW: Including like for example we've been

1 talking about 21 earlier, we could include.....  
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MR. ANDREW \_\_\_\_\_: (In Yup'ik)



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CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah. Good. Uh-huh.



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(Meeting recessed - 6:50 p.m.)

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